

NEITHER WON NOR LOST, IS FOE ATTITUDE ABOUT WAR

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The fact that the German military machine was broken up by the allied armies at the Meuse river, and not on the other side of the Rhine, is one of the reasons why it will take the allies a long time to convince the people of the German nation that they have been thoroughly beaten in this war.

Because of the strict censorship imposed upon the newspapers by the imperial German government, by means of which the actual number of casualties that occurred in the army during the four years of the war have been kept from the German masses, and because there are no people in Germany high-minded enough to disclose to the German public the true facts regarding the atrocities that they have been accused of committing, they have committed, as time goes on, people will see the necessity of convincing each and every German of the fact that he is a native of a country that has been given about a severe licking as any nation could receive.

At present you hear throughout Germany the song which runs: "The war is over now, we are at peace; let us forget, comrades," and each and every German that you talk to says, "We didn't win and we didn't lose, but why worry about that, for the war is over?"

A certain group of Germans maintain that the war ended because of the fact that President Wilson submitted peace terms to the Germans in the early part of November, 1918, which were agreeable to the allies, and which the Germans decided to accept, because they found them agreeable as well.

If you ask a German if he thinks they won the war, he says: "We would have defeated France if England hadn't come in, and we would have defeated England and France if America hadn't interfered. None of them are willing to confess the fact that the British embargo had more to do with the abrupt ending of the war than anything else.

Foch Ready for Mighty Blow.

It really is pathetic that Marshal Foch was not allowed to strike another blow between Metz and Strassburg on the 14th of November with twenty-six French and American divisions, as he had planned, for had the war gone on there is not the slightest doubt but what this attack would have been successful, and as a result more than 600,000 Germans would have been taken prisoners, and this fact alone would have helped considerably in convincing the Germans of the fact that they were at least not victorious.

I suppose that even after the peace terms are made known to all the people of Germany through the press, it will be possible to find a great many more Germans who will admit that Germany did not win the war. I am not at all certain that all Germans know these things, even yet.

An incident that occurred in Berlin during my stay there will give you an insight into the attitude that the Germans are taking toward the allies since the armistice. An English correspondent, whom I knew, got into an argument with a German officer in a hotel in Berlin one night, which came very near resulting in a free-for-all fight.

Fortunately violence was averted, but here is the argument with which the German tried to justify his rude actions toward this correspondent. It was unfortunate, he said, but the allied officers in Berlin must expect to receive the same treatment that any of the Germans would receive, were they on a similar mission in Paris or London. The correspondent returned to state that he was not receiving one-tenth as bad treatment as a German officer would receive if he went to Paris or London, and added that he expected the same treatment from the Germans upon his entry into Berlin as the Germans received upon their entry into Brussels in the early part of the war. This was what nearly caused the argument to precipitate into a free-for-all fight.

Expect to Go to America.

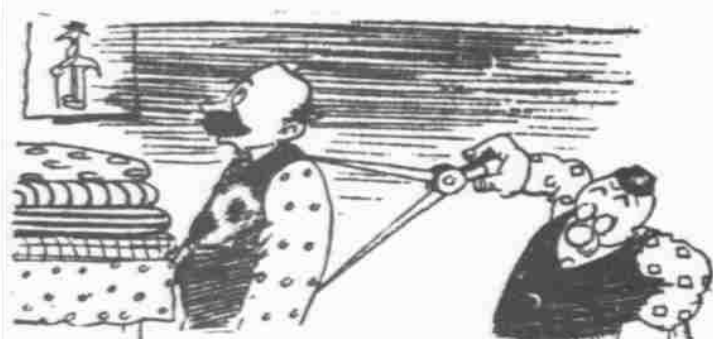
Another peculiar German idea is that as soon as the peace terms are signed at Versailles Germany will be able to get passport and go to America. If the German people as a whole realized that they have been beaten, they would no doubt see the impossibility of their being allowed to come to America, France or England for a long time to come.

One way to teach the German that he did not win the war is to treat him as an infectious disease, and to be treated and kept him segregated.

There is not the slightest doubt but what the phantoms of our dead at the peace table demand that this atti-

Rube Goldberg's Boobs

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ANDRE KERPLUNKLE VAN PRUNE ALWAYS GOES TO A VERY SWELL TAILOR TO BUY ALL HIS CLOTHES.

THE GIRLS WITH DELIGHT ALMOST FALL IN A TRANCE, WHEN THEY HEAR WHAT HE PAYS FOR HIS COAT AND HIS PANTS:



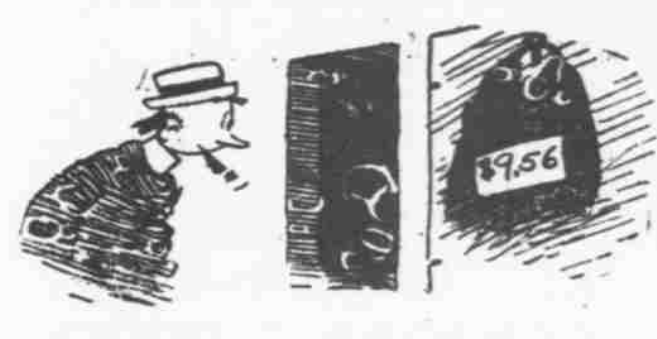
THE GIRL WHO HAS NEVER LAID EYES ON HIM SIGHS, "HE MUST LOOK LIKE A BUNDLE OF RAGS IN DISGUISE"



BUT LOOK AT VAN PRUNE, THE GAZABO WHO BLOWS MANY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS FOR TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES.

LIFE'S LITTLE JOKES— NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN

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NOW ABSOLAM OTTO KYOODLE MEZJOINT BUYS ALL OF HIS CLOTHES IN A HAND-ME-DOWN JOINT.



WHILE MEZJOINT LOOKS MUCH BETTER THAN MOST OTHER MEN, THOUGH HE PURCHASES CLOTHES AT THE FIVE-AND-TEN.

By Goldberg



OIL HEAD SHARES VIEW OF PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, May 25.—Walter C. Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, is on record as endorsing President Wilson's advice that industry must be democratized.

Teagle issued a signed statement, as follows:

"I agree fully with the President in urging the genuine democratization of industry, which involves the right of the worker to participate in decisions which directly affect his wages, working conditions and welfare, but I am inclined to think that more has been done in this direction, than the President is perhaps aware of.

"A number of correspondents, including our own, have accepted the principle of collective bargaining and co-operation through representatives of the employees meeting in joint conferences with representatives of the management.

"Our experience with such a plan has demonstrated its value, and we have found that this plan affords a basis for real co-operation and partnership. In rightly emphasizing the importance of improving the condition of working men and women as 'citizens and human beings' the President might, it seems to me, have also suggested increased industrial production as a vital factor in making such improvement possible."

"A Man May Be Down But He Is Never Out," says the Salvation Army.

tude be taken against the German for all time to come. There is absolutely no injustice or no bitterness and no unfairness in taking this action at all. It might sound harsh because it is unusual. We have a habit here in America of sitting too lightly on those who have guilt and selfishness in their hearts, and if we are to allow any of our foreign blood enemies to come to America, they must be first taught, in light of the fact that they are German, that they are not victors, but the vanquished in this war.

Our mission was continually bored by having to listen to propositions of an economic nature during its entire stay in Berlin. Representatives from various German commercial concerns would come to us and ask when they could start to do business with American concerns, when they would be able to get passports to America, and if you told them that it would be a rather difficult thing for them to obtain passports for some time to come, they would look at you with a sort of an amazed and astonished glaze in their eyes and almost demand why it was not going to be possible for them to come.

Sought to Instruct Allies.

Somewhere started a rumor in Berlin that the allied armies were going to take German officers into their midst for training purposes and the result was that we had a countless number of applications from German officers of all ranks, especially from the aviation, to arrange to have them attached to our army. The only reply that we ever gave them was: "Why should a victorious army get its instructors from an army which has just been beaten?" That seemed to have the desired effect upon them, and we desired, for they immediately were insulted at such a statement as this and left with no more argument.

If a means could be devised to make each and every German conversant with all of the atrocities that were committed by paid members of the Prussian military machine, it would assist materially in convincing all of the Germans that it will be a great many years before they will ever be on a friendly basis with the allies again. Frankly, I hope the day never comes when the war crime of a heinous crime if we Americans forget the sinking of the Lusitania, atrocities perpetrated on our own men, the nailing of the Canadian soldiers to the cross, the wanton rape of Belgian and French women and the great amount of destruction and sorrow the Germans brought upon the civilized world—and allow ourselves to associate with them again.

The people who wanted the "White Book" published, which would reveal the atrocities which the Germans are never content with the independent socialist, and the chief leader of these people was ex-Minister Haase, but when the independent socialists were forced out of office after the Spartacist uprising in January, the only chance of the "White Book" being published was gone.

It might be interesting here, however, to mention a few things regarding Haase, as he is a man that I think Germany must take into consideration and find an office for, when the nation settles down to ordinary routine work again. The unfortunate part about the independent socialists was that they were looked upon with a great deal of suspicion by both the majority socialist and the communist, and as Haase was an independent socialist, he was at a disadvantage when it came to making himself heard.

Haase a Man of Vigor.

However, he is a man who has immense power and whose opinion must be valued. He is a very level-headed man and is not easily swayed, and during my entire stay in Berlin, continually issued statements to the effect that he was absolutely convinced

that the Spartacus party would never gain so much control that they would prevent the national assembly from convening—however, I doubt if he was correct in this theory, for if Noske had not been made minister of war and if he had not immediately brought over 25,000 troops to Berlin to maintain order immediately after he went into office, the Spartacus party would have gained so much headway that nothing but the occupation of Berlin and the immediate environs by allied troops would have saved the situation.

It was his impression that the counter revolution had its origin in the demonstrations in favor of Ebert, who wanted to hold the police headquarters for the independent socialists as he feared the police troops would go over to the present government. The Spartacus leaders, however, did not countenance what their followers did, he said, for example such acts as the capture of the newspaper offices. The revolution, without a doubt, got beyond their control, and they, being honor-bound, saw no other way out of it than to support their followers to the finish, once the revolution started.

Hunger Proletariat's Weapon.

Haase said that there seemed to be a class understanding in the factories between the workers and that a political unity existed among them, which was anti-bourgeois. He remarked that any one who had been an eyewitness of the revolution could readily see that Germany had a stormy political future ahead of her, for although the counter revolution had been crushed, class warfare had never been more clearly defined. He said that the political and economic questions did not count any more and that the only thing to be reckoned with was hunger. This, without the slightest doubt, is the proletariat's weapon by which they may gain power. Haase believed that he could use his power to weld the workers together in order that they might gain their ends and he was under the impression that a great many of the working class had determined that no matter who won the majority in the National Assembly, the Soldiers and Workmen's Council must continue to function.

He did not think that there was any danger of a counter revolution from the right (the monarchy), which many thought was a possibility that existed as a result of all of the officers and students being called back by Ebert's government to maintain order in Berlin.

The independent socialists, regardless of the fact that they are no longer in power, demand the publication of the famous "White Book," which will contain a detailed account of all of the atrocities that the German imperial government has been accused of by the allies. This book they want to satisfy not only their own curiosity, they also desire that the curiosity of the people of England be satisfied.

Germans Poor Losers.

Another fact which proves that the Germans are not convinced that they lost the war is shown in a statement which Ebert made on or about the 13th of January, 1919, in which he said: "I must emphasize the fact that beyond the loss entailed by the acceptance of President Wilson's fourteen points, that the present German government cannot and will not consent to any further unfair demands of the allies." This statement of Ebert clearly shows that the Germans to a man are poor losers, and worse still, because they will not admit it.

In closing, the writer believes it would be a good thing if an immigration law were passed that would prevent Germans from entering this country for fifty years. The coming generation of Americans have a great many difficult problems to solve and America must not be hampered at this time by an invasion of foreign people. Why should we permit the Germans to come into this country? What shall a just peace be? If it must be tempered with mercy, to whom shall we first show this mercy—to the foe we have beaten or to the coming generation of Americans whom they have done all they could to betray and ruin? What of the dead who rise and demand their justice—what of the silent dead demanding also their due before Almighty God? Did they die to have this country invaded by Germans immediately after the peace terms were settled, or to protect it against any future invasion of Germany?

There will be a great many Germans who desire to come over here who retain their sympathy for Germany, and therefore are as such enemies of this country after the war as they were before and during the war. They share in the defeat of Germany and must pay the losses of the loser. Let the enemy foreign element reflect on the fact that we are the victors and they are the losers in this fight, which they elected to commence. It is only the man who makes the dollar his god and ten commandments who will permit any German to come into this country after the peace treaty is signed and do business as he did with them before the war.



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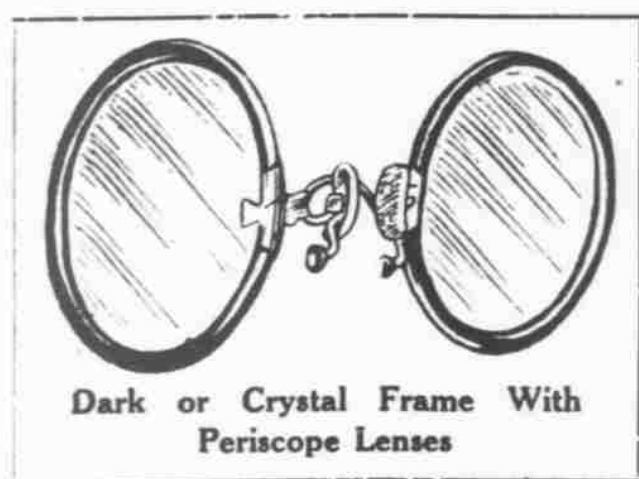
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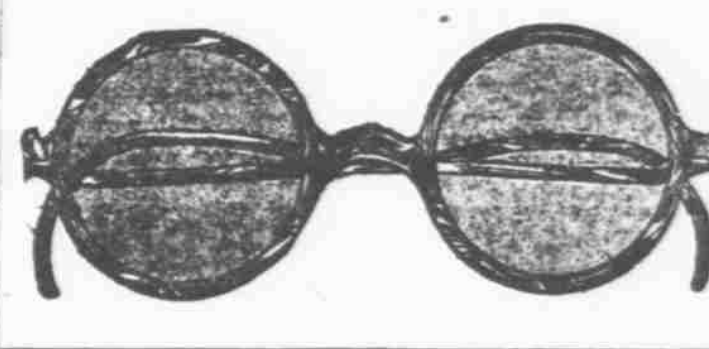
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